

PERIPHERAL UNIT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, METHOD AND
PROGRAM RECORDING MEDIUM THEREFOR

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

10 The peripheral unit management system, the
peripheral unit management method and the program
recording medium therefore for managing a plurality of
peripheral units by a peripheral unit manager via a
network wherein each of the plurality of peripheral units
has a serial number and a unique ID number to distinguish
15 it from other peripheral units and is connected to the
network for communication between the manager and the
peripheral units, the system can reuse data having been
accumulated in one of the peripheral units in which a LAN
card has been replaced, thereby management of articles of
20 consumption and maintenance of the peripheral unit can be
properly accomplished.

25 In a management system 1 that manages a plurality of
peripheral units 2-1 to 2-N via a local area network LAN
3, each peripheral unit having a serial number and a
unique ID number, the system 1 communicates with each
peripheral unit and reads the serial number and the ID
number thereof, determines whether or not any one of the
peripheral units has been replaced, when it is determined
that a peripheral unit has been replaced the system
30 obtains new data of the peripheral unit, when it is
determined that a peripheral unit has not been replaced
even though a LAN card of the peripheral unit has been
replaced, the system reuses data having been accumulated
in the peripheral unit.

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